

AQUACADE OF STARS OPENS POOL SUNDAY



This will be the scene of Sunday's Aquacade and the WAC Bathing Beauty Contest. Here, too, will begin the Saga of the Sunburned Backs.

DGH NOW SEPARATION POINT TO HASTEN DISCHARGES

As part of the Army's program to accelerate the number of discharges, Dibble General Hospital has been authorized by the Commanding General, NSC, to separate Zone of Interior men whose critical scores or whose release age warrant discharge.

Jurisdiction Covers Palo Alto Area

Detachment personnel, patients who are ready to return to duty but who have the required critical scores, and other military personnel in the Palo Alto area, such as those in the Veteran's Administration Facility and at Stanford University, will come under the jurisdiction of this new Separation Point. The same procedure is being enacted at other hospitals and posts in the command.

Officers and EM Included

Dischargees will include officers as well as enlisted men, the only exception being AAF men who will be released through regular separation centers, as will all female personnel (Army nurses and WACs).

CDDs will, of course, be discharged as usual through the hospital's facilities.

Dibble Is Training Center For Plastic Eye Production

Thirty installations, 29 general hospitals, one of which is Dibble, and one regional hospital, have been designated plastic eye centers for the Army Medical Department. "There is no existing backlog for plastic eyes and it is not contemplated that any more centers will be opened," said Major Trygve Gunderson, MC, Chief Consultant in Ophthalmology to Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General.

As of 30 June, 1945, approximately 5100 plastic artificial eyes have been made and fitted. In addition, the plastic eye laboratory (Continued on page 2)

CIVILIANS TO REPLACE GI'S

Colonel Streit at his weekly staff conference last week pointed out that all men aged 35 and over will be released within the 90-day period without exception. He said it is expected that this period will probably be cut further even with immediate release and it is imperative that civilian personnel be trained to take the place of men who are eligible for discharge.

NATIONAL SWIM AND DIVE CHAMPS WILL BE FEATURED; DGH TO PICK WAC BEAUTY

The new Dibble swimming pool will be officially dedicated on Sunday, 23 September, when an Aquacade of Water Stars will dive, swim and make a big splash before the entire hospital personnel. Colonel Streit will open the ceremonies which have been arranged through Lt Don Linder, Special Services.

The Aquacade, under the direction of Curley Grieve, Sports Editor of the San Francisco Examiner, and Jack Greer, USO official, will feature a host of well-known water athletes, as famous for their good looks as for their aquatic prowess.

Long List of National Champs

Heading the list is Ann Curtis, national champion in free style swimming; Marion Pontacq, national back stroke champ; Marilyn "Sugar" Sahner, holder of the 1500 meter national outdoor crown; Helen Morgan, not the torch singer, but the girl who burned up the outdoor spring board and tower dive laurels; Frank McGuigan, holder of the national indoor springboard title; Lorraine Fisher, who has 18 American breast stroke records; Vicki Manalo, the honey gal who is the Far West's queen in springboard and tower diving; Patti McPherson, rhythm solo swimmer and diver; Patricia Sinclair, Far West butterfly breast stroke champ, and the world's champion water clown, unbeatable Clyde Diaz.

Besides this roster of diving and swimming stars, other groups will perform also. San Francisco's Crystal Plunge Rhythm Swim Quartet—Helen Wilson, Sydney Gelin, Betty Jo Herbertson and Beverly McCann, will do wonders in water. Another quartet, Diana Maddock, Rose Kaufman, Marie Jorgensen and Sue Curtis, will do specialty numbers.

The Pacific Coast Association commissioner, Bob Brandlein, will be on hand to check official record beaters. Frank Zanazzi will be the official starter.

DIBWAC To Be "Miss Dibble 1945"

Before the water stars perform, the winners of the WAC Bathing Beauty Contest (Continued on page 6)



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THE ARMY'S GOAL FOR DISCHARGES

At least 6,000,000 men and women in the Army will be discharged within the next ten months. This is the goal set by the War Department. By 1 July 1945, the Army will be reduced to 2,500,000 or less.

Most of this reduction will be accomplished by progressively lowering the critical point score, insuring priority in discharge for those who deserve first consideration. In addition, an estimated 300,000 will be separated for reasons of disability. Overage groups will supply an undetermined number to the reduction total.

The War Department maintains it is necessary to retain a large number of men in the service for overseas replacements and for service in the continental United States to carry on essential ASF activities.

No enlisted personnel with sufficient points will be kept in because of military necessity except those few classified in one of these three essential skills: orthopedic mechanics, transmitter attendants and electro-encephalographic specialists. It is also intended . . . and this is good news . . . that no one eligible for release will be held in the Army because there are men with higher scores overseas who have not been returned home.

By 1 November, Separation Centers will be geared to handle a flow of 500,000 service men and women a month. As demobilization continues, this capacity will be increased. The designation of Dibble as a separation point, among other installations, for ZI men is a sign of acceleration in the rate of discharge.

It is planned to periodically reduce the critical score in order to keep the discharge rate at the maximum. Secretary of War Stimson summarized the job ahead this way: "I do not believe that there has ever been a case in history where so large an army has been so rapidly taken from civilian life, trained, equipped, transported to the fronts and put into battle as the Army of the United States in this war. It is our aim and objective to do just as fast and effective a job in the other direction."

SOLDIERS OF DIBBLE

We are members of an Army who have just completed a magnificent job defeating our enemies. We are justly proud of our share in this victory.

The work is not done, however; Dibble is filled, as never before, with victims of combat—many of them cruelly wounded. Obligation and work in the repair of these men rests squarely on our shoulders in the Medical Department.

Will your return to civilian life be delayed as a consequence? I do not think so. It is expected that replacements, able to learn your duties and carry on, will be forthcoming promptly, and those with the required points and in the age groups selected for discharge will be separated promptly. I will do everything in my power to see that this separation is rapid and fair.

Col. Paul H. Streit, MC, Commanding

More on Dibble as Center For Plastic Eye Production

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tories have made conformers, eye spheres and other appliances for the eye clinics. Experimental work is still being carried on in the plastic artificial eye program. Technicians are continually endeavoring to improve and give these plastic eyes greater mobility and lessen abrasion.

Three teams of officers and enlisted men who are experienced in making plastic artificial eyes are overseas and four additional teams are now being trained in this work. Here at Dibble, which is a training, research and production center, Major Stanley Erpf heads the program, assisted by Capt Roy Stephens and the Plastic Eye Clinic staff, which is training dental officers for production work at other installations.

Like to Sing? Join the Chorus

The Dibble Chorus under T/5 Fred Swan's direction is planning a mixed choral group. All Dibble personnel military or civilian, who like to sing are urged to get in touch with Swan in the Info-Educ office, Ext 291. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night from 1900 to 2100 in the Post Chapel.

Main OT Shop Closed Wed, Sat PM

The main Occupational Therapy Shop is closed at 1200 each Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Chapel Services

PROTESTANT

Chaplain Ira V. Garrison

Sunday: Worship Service, Closed NP Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel 0930; Preaching Service, 1000; Musical Program, Closed NP Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830; Choir Rehearsal, 1930; Office Consultation Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

CATHOLIC

Chaplain William P. O'Connor

Sunday: Mass, Chapel, 0610, 0745, 1100; Mass, Closed NP Section, 0900. Week Days: Mass, Chapel, 1700; Confessions, before and after Mass. Saturday: Confessions, 1900-2100.

JEWISH

Rabbi Emanuel Kumin

Friday: Service, Chapel, 1800.

Chaplains available for consultation at any time. Call Ext. 299.

All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

Nisei Patients Favor Strict Occupation Gov't in Japan

"Can the Allies establish a liberal government in Japan?" is a question which several DGH Japanese-American patients, all members of the crack Nisei 442nd Division, are tossing about in their current discussions.

"MacArthur's doing a good job," is their unanimous opinion and he can't be too strict for them with the Occupation Government. These Nisei, who probably understand the Japanese people better than anyone else, would have cracked down on radio and press issues from the moment of surrender.

Check Underground Activities

S/Sgt Dave Hirohara explains, "We have a problem in making the Japanese people realize their defeat. The empire has been so far flung, that people at home could be easily fooled about how the war was going by their propaganda presses. Now that they see our GIs running around loose in their homeland, they will realize the war is lost." The sergeant stresses that the U. S. Army will have to keep close check on underground activities.

"A new Christianity movement will be one angle from which to put over reeducation," he believes. Because of strict censorship, the Nisei haven't much information on Japanese liberal elements which might be a wedge for the democratic movement. "A large number of the liberals were undoubtedly destroyed by the militarists, however."

Nisei Will Influence Home Folk

Although their work previously was kept



Bull session in the Red Cross lounge with S/Sgt Dave Hirohara, Wd 13, Pvt Tadao Yoshimato, Wd 12, Pfc Masato Togashi, Wd 32, Pvt. Hiromi Okihiro, Wd 24, and S/Sgt Jack Kawamoto, Wd 14.

from the public, S/Sgt Jack Kawamoto relates, "practically every man in our 442nd had a relative or friend serving as G-2 in the Pacific and CBI. These fellows will be essential for a long time, and I think they can have a strong influence over the people in Japan."

Kawamoto concludes, "I think a liberal Japanese government is possible after a long period of careful Allied supervision, but I don't think, for example, that the people are well enough informed to hold a really representative election of a new Diet any time soon."

Hubbard Ranch Entertains 100 Dibble Patients

More than a hundred DGH patients were guests at the Wild West party held Sunday, 9 September, at the Hillis Hubbard ranch in San Carlos.

Patients, their wives, and other guests began festivities by touring the ranch in a Wells Fargo stagecoach. A natural amphitheater provided the setting for a rodeo, and riding horses for the guests, cared for by Pvt LaMarr Dodge, Wd 33, were furnished by Mr. Hubbard. During an outdoor barbecue supper, the 10-piece Presidio orchestra provided music for dancing. A jitterbug contest was won by Pvt Leslie Stoll, Wd 11, and his WAC partner, T/5 Milly Dietz.

Patients who headed the planning committees were Pvt Walt Forrister, Wd 14, Pvt Rocco Massaro, Wd 12, and Pvt Douglas Decker, Wd 37. The event was sponsored by the Red Cross Camp and Hospitality Committee and Hillis Hubbard.

Hubbard, whose estate was once a training center for dogs of the Army K-9 Corps, plans to schedule monthly parties for Dibble patients.

CO Stresses Proper Uniform

Colonel Streit, CO, is stressing proper wearing of uniform. In certain instances, hospital patients and duty personnel are appearing in sloppy dress and out of proper uniform. "The efficiency of any military organization," says the Colonel, "is judged to a large degree by the appearance of its personnel. Slovenliness of a soldier brings a whole organization into disrepute."

Mixed uniforms are out; convalescent jackets are not to be worn with khaki trousers.



Shoe shine specialist Pvt Sammy Whitaker gets a free shake from his assistant T/5 Taft Williams, Wd 29, while customers wait their turn. The shine stand was built by Whitaker, Wd 37, in the OT shop, and thrives in one corner of the Red Cross patio. P. S.: A shine is 15 cents.



Ill present and accounted for!

Oh Nurse!

By Limited Services, Inc.

Lt Marge Honore, "Burma Bound," but Dibble stuck, is under doctor's care this week. Diagnosis: trick knee. Treatment: rest . . . but those three trips to the ice cream parlor daily are strictly for exercise . . . The grass may look greener in other pastures, but to Lt Gwen Hammond, the "Meadows" look good. Nice diamond, too . . . Lt Bea Talbot has matrimony in her eyes. From pier to preacher for her little man.

"I'll Buy That Dream" . . . Lovely, colorful civilian clothes, a 40-hour week, Saturday night beer busts, "Call me at 10, Mother" . . . What we want to know is WHEN? Only official word to date is Gen Kirk's momentous statement that 25,000 nurses will be home for Christmas, facing that nasty job of adjusting to civilian life. HOW?? Rumor says, if you got the point, you get the paper.

A free boat ride, with luxuries provided, goes to Lts Potter, Caton, Ghormley, Johnson, Bauman, Sandoval, Sebastian, Whitaker, Henderson and McGarvie.

Things we love to hate . . . The 5 o'clock rush for cawfee in the cafeteria . . . that character who's always either defrosting or putting the icebox in quarters on "vacation" . . . that 0700 call to duty . . . people who take midnight showers . . . they who forget, consistently, their meal tickets—always glad to give them a punch . . . orientation on sultry Wednesday afternoons . . . this six packs of fags per week . . . standing in line for film . . . no gripe, no worry, no? This is the Army, brother!

Nurses and doctors make such lovely couples. They have so much in common like forceps, hemostats, "scalpel, nurse." Sweet nothings can never replace, "Dear, do you think parathymia can overcome reticulosis?" Or, maybe, Lts Long or Hansen could elaborate on the subject.

Old news for footnotes . . . V-J day (unofficial) saw a surge of spontaneous and successful "wild parties" in quarters . . . One more V-J night in San Francisco and Lt Elkins could have completed her civilian outfit . . . Recent dinner at Ricky's for former chief nurse Major Addie Richards was given by veteran nurses of Dibble . . . And the three-tiered cake at the reception of the former Lt Shorthill had many lonely nurses sleeping with crumbs under their pillows.

CADET CAPERS

By Cadet Grace Davis

Thirty-six cadets from the fog-bound Bay Area have been added to Dibble for a three-month's course . . . Trip down, made by GI bus, saw the gals bivouacked on a wooded hillside when the driver made a slip in his navigation . . . "Kacey" O'Brien is student prexy of the new group with Cadets Cook and Greenfield voted as secretary-treasurer and recreation chairman.

First caper of the new cadets took place at Flood Park with a picnic, swimming and a wild football game . . . Cadets O'Brien, Mayer and Duryea hitched a ride home in a laundry truck using bundles of freshly-ironed shirts for chairs.

Pass in review: Each hot afternoon of drill, the command "Eyes Right" brings into full view the cool blue waters of the new swimming pool.

What a sick man needs . . . Cadet Barbara Robinson announces her engagement to Sgt Clayton Sheldon. . .

Patient With Ideas Wins Chevy

S/Sgt John C. May, Wd 12, at Dibble since 15 June, was among the first 10 winners in a contest on "Post War Ideas" sponsored by the Stars and Stripes in ETO. He won one of the new Chevrolets due to appear on the market soon and he can receive same within a year after his discharge.

No Gambling on Post

In a memorandum issued on 14 September, the Commanding Officer, Colonel Streit, prohibited gambling in any form on the premises of the hospital.

The Wolf

by Sansone



WARD MATTER

Outdoor man Robert Kealen kept Wd 2 convulsed with laughter when he decided to take his daily shower under the lawn sprinkler after a strenuous weekend . . . But his antics are merely a sideline to his career as a ballad-writer . . . On Wd 24 William Watson is a constant audience when Douglas Spottswood hauls out his four-year collection of jive records, including albums of Harry James, Ellington, Lunceford and Floyd Ray.

That abundance of ripe, red tomatoes in the mess halls recently was a product of patient-gardeners at Douglas Annex. Convalescents furnished a total of 65 bushels of the rosy vegetables one week.

OT crafts make ward diversion . . . Pandora's box has nothing on the chest manufactured by Halbert Echols, Wd 2, to hold his leather products . . . Pick your own jewelry or knick-knack from the catalogue compiled by Wd 24's Alfred Culver and he'll make it up to order. Flower designs are his specialty . . . in plastic and seashells . . . Wilbert Barrett turns out bill folds on a mass production schedule.

Like a corner of Old Spain is Wd 39 when John Encinas, Wd 34, Ned Novus, Wd 39 and Hubert Garcia, Wd 5, haul out their guitars . . . On hand to open the new swimming pool were Wd 39's Joe Agger, Paul Lytle and James Atkins. . .

Perched high in his cubicle on Wd 24 is Russell Drake's mascot . . . a sad-faced monkey . . . the mascot, we mean.

If the post-war world is full of card sharks, Dibble must shoulder the blame . . . Robert Walker, Clayton Walde and Roy Segerstrom of Wd 5 have a riotous version of Solitaire . . . but Pinochle devotees who take their game more seriously are Wd 34 patients, Norman Kruse, Clarence Bell, Vestel Johnson and Earl Rector.

EM Dance Set for Mills Hall

An "open house" dance, with all enlisted duty personnel and their invited guests, will be sponsored by Special Services at Mills Hall on Friday, 28 September.

The seven-piece Presidio band will play for dancing from 2000 to 2300, detachment talent will furnish the vocals. Refreshment tables will be loaded with sandwiches, hor d'oeuvres, and beer, and special contests will be featured.

WAC Wise

By Rocky

All in the family: PT Liz Slater owes her recent enthusiasm to a visit by her sister, a WAC Lt, just returned from England . . . Cora Pedersen had a few days reminiscing with sis Agnes Madison who's stationed at Reno Army Air Base . . . Farewell to dischargee Jessie Chambers. May be that her son Bob, a lieutenant, will be the one who presents her papers at Camp Beale.

Orange Blossom Dept.: Esther Herrin off to Seattle to marry her sailor "Joe" . . . Supply Sgt McCrary now the wife of the famed "Shorty" Crump of the EM detachment . . . Kay Kronjak another bride . . . And late congrats to Azzie Lee Burke, who's been the wife of Lee Abney since 3 June . . . A-1 is anxiously awaiting another bride. Seems no one there has been married for two weeks now and everyone's worried . . . **WANTED:** One single unmarried male receiving discharge within two weeks. **OBJECT:** Well—see Nelly Smythe.

Gad-about: Enjoying the "Ice Follies" were Shirley Stone, Ellen Sullivan and Janet Hull . . . Anne Klagenberg stood by as Jane Eddy, Louise Filley and Edith Phillips dressed for the latest Baxter Party . . . with a lecture on behavior.

Barrecks banter: Lillian Gate's very masculine cousin caused a riot when he took over WAC B. P. duties the other night. His baritone voice announcing "WAC Detachment" over the 'phone must have caused no end of concern at the other end . . . "Stinky" Davis remains in hiding while awaiting her new dentures.

Mary Stephens' WAC-patient party at La Honda was voted tops . . . Jean Borski is enthusiastic about the horse (mechanical) in A-1's patio which no one can ride. The sender omitted instructions . . . Jackie Boomhower and Kay Goldbach take advantage of the new patio sun furniture.

Horseshoe Pits Ready for Ringers

Eight new horseshoe pits have been laid out behind the gym. They are now ready for all ringers.

THE OLD MAN



Introducing a Husband And Father . . . Col Streit

The mental picture of a Commanding Officer is usually a stern one in the Army. His voice is supposed to make the walls at Headquarters quiver; his entry strikes the staff dumb; his discerning eye impales its object firmly on the nearest shannon file.

But the CO at Dibble is a very human Joe. As a kid in Texas, he played sand-lot ball and was soundly whacked by his ma because he never got in for his dinner on time. He's changed a bat for a niblick now, and shoots a fair game of golf . . . But not so good that Mrs. Streit doesn't take him down every once in a while.

The Colone. is an avid reader, concentrating on historical biographies and mysteries. Although he dealt good poker before he was married, his ante now is bridge and cribbage, not to speak lightly of his accomplishments with chessmen.

His 17-year old son John, a senior at Palo Alto High, devotes his brawn to

Medical DT's

Fred Miles, ex-Post Office, back in civvies . . . you should see him smile when he passed 2nd Looies without snapping to attention . . . Since moving to Wd 22, the Recon outfit might be known as borderline cases. A lot of EM moved along with the gang just to get closer to Wd 21. . .

Glory be, the laundry arrived on time last week . . . Steve Cravath says the EM are more worried than he about his chances of becoming a civilian . . . Georgeous George Childs is torn between two fires these days—a blond and a brunette. . .

Something to see—the det men donning swim trunks which expose the hospital suntan . . . Mark Vucovich has been x-rayed by Marion VeVries and found good for a future . . . Dick Degner is back from another trip down south, and promises some top shows for Dibble. . .

Most popular spot in the hospital now is the new "Individual Services" Section, where a fellow can walk in as a GI and stand a good chance of walking out as a civilian . . . but you gotta be called first!

Thirty-fivers are anxious to swap ratings for rations . . . over 51 have applied to the 1st Sgt for discharge and they're all wearing pin-cushions now in place of GI drawers. . .

football and already bears the glorified scars of some tough tacklers. The apple of the Colonel's eye, Mitzi, who is 12, is a confirmed Hollywood bug . . . her room is chock full of autographed pictures from every star in the cinema heaven, plus some extras. Mitzi is one of the reasons publicity departments are in the high income tax bracket . . . ask the colonel.

No one is allowed to feed "Salute," the Streit's toy schnauzer at the dinner table . . . no one. But at the end of each meal, the poor dog can't move, he's so full . . . case is constantly under investigation.

The Colonel and Mrs. Streit celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary last Saturday, the first one they have spent together in four years.

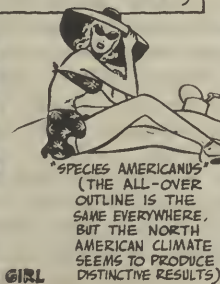
Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

ANTHROPOLOGY REFRESHER CHART (FOR THE RETURNING SERVICE MAN WHO WISHES TO RESUME HIS EDUCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...)



THIS IS A GIRL



SPECIES AMERICANUS (THE ALL-OVER OUTLINE IS THE SAME EVERYWHERE, BUT THE NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE SEEMS TO PRODUCE DISTINCTIVE RESULTS)



SOME TYPES ARE READY SUBJECTS AND MAY BE PICKED UP AND FONDLED



OTHERS ARE WARY UNTIL CERTAIN OF THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL INTENTIONS



NO RING—NO WRANGLE!

THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH THE STUDENT WILL FIND THE SPECIES IN ABUNDANCE... IN OTHERS THE FIELD MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED OVER BY LOCAL SCIENTISTS...



BEGINNERS ARE WARNED NOT TO BE MISLED BY THE GAUDY SURFACE COLORING OF SOME SUBJECTS...OFTEN THE MOST SATISFYING RESEARCH MAY BE CONDUCTED WITH PLAIN TYPES—ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH NESTS OF THEIR OWN...

A.S.T.P. (Apply Science to Propositioning)

MANY STUDENTS BECOME SO ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE CREATURES THEY DECIDE TO MAKE PERMANENT PETS OF THEM ... AT THIS POINT YOU THROW THE BOOK AWAY...



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Aquacade of Water Stars Opens Dibble Pool Sunday

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will be selected. WACs from almost every section of the hospital will be in the lineup. The lucky girls will receive prizes from the Examiner and Special Services.

A patient Comedy Contest will feature several Dibble clowns who will sport old-time swim suits.

Ceremonies will start about 1300, and Special Services will provide music for the afternoon. Bring your own suntan oil.

Reconditioning Branch Will Manage Post Pool

Although the official opening isn't until tomorrow, Sunday, patients and duty personnel have been escaping the recent heat wave in the cool depths of the new Dibble plunge.

Under the management of the Reconditioning Branch, with Capt Reedy in charge, the pool hours are 0900 to 1800 daily; 1000 to 1800 on Sunday. Four enlisted men and two WACs comprise the pool staff with three of them serving as life guards.

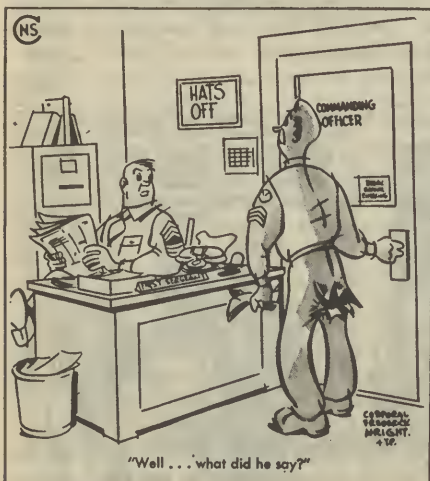
All military personnel, members of their immediate family and civilian employees may use the pool during any of the scheduled hours. Swim suits, towels and checking facilities are available free of charge. Personal suits may be worn.

At the present time, the Post Engineers are seeding the area surrounding the pool, both as a dust control and beautification measure.

Swimming Pool Regulations, recently published as DGH Memorandum No. 45, have been posted on all wards and at the pool. They must be rigidly adhered to for the safety and health of everyone.

Library Has Record Check-outs

A record number of 180 books were checked out of the Dibble Library on 13 September.



CINEMA

Sat., 22 Sept.	1900
Swingin' on A Rainbow	
Jane Frazee, Brad Taylor	
Sun., & Mon., 23-24 Sept.	1815-2015
Duffy's Tavern	
Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour	
Army-Navy Screen Mag	
Tues., 25 Sept.	1815-2015
Blazing the Western Trail	
Charles Starrett, Tex Harding	
Why Girls Leave Home	
Lola Lane, Sheldon Leonard	
Thurs., 27 Sept.	1815-2015
Barbary Coast	
Ed. G. Robinson, Brian Donlevy, Joel McCrea	
Fri., 28 Sept.	1815-2015
Our Vines Have Tender Grapes	
Ed. G. Robinson, Margaret O'Brien	
News of the Day	
Sat., 29 Sept.	1900
The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry	
George Sanders, Geraldine Fitzgerald	
Sun., & Mon., 30 Sept.-1 Oct.	1815-2015
Kiss and Tell	
Shirley Temple, Jerome Courtland	
News of the Day	
Tues., 2 Oct.	1815-2015
The Fatal Witness	
Evelyn Ankers, Richard Fraser	
Come Out Fighting	
Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall	
Thurs., & Fri., 4-5 Oct.	1815-2015
Captain Kidd	
Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott	
News of the Day	

Patients Entertainment Schedule

Sun., 23 Sept.		
Aquacade (Pool)	SS	1300
Snack Bar-Open		
House	RC	1900
Mon., 24 Sept.		
GI Movie	Recon	1300
Patients' Dance	RC	2000
Tues., 25 Sept.		
Hospital Issue—GI Recon		1300
"West of the Pecos"	RC	1745-1930
Wed., 26 Sept.		
Education Forum	Recon	1000
Arthur Murray Dance		
Class	RC	1500
Game Night	RC	1900
Thurs., 27 Sept.		
Vocational films	Recon	1300
Open House	RC	
Fri., 28 Sept.		
'Shall I Go To School?'	Recon	1300
'Thousand and One Nights'	RC	1745-1930

The Demons Take 2 Out of 3 In Wild Local Ball Games

The Demon softballers humbled Moffett Field's Ten Aces 9-8 on the Dibble diamond 4 September. Humbert, pitching for the sailors, failed to strike out a man, although his teammates were walked liberally by the Demon's "Ephus Ball" Davis of the Enlisted Detachment.

Bob Dion, a constant threat at the plate, hit a four-bagger in the fourth to pace Ernie Bishop's two for three. A welcome returnee behind the plate was Catcher Bob Smith, Wd 13.

The Demons faced an unknown ten in the San Jose City Bus Lines, but had little trouble in riding them 20-9, last Tuesday. The team garnered 21 hits as opposed to 9 for the busmen. Ray Garcia started for



Dibble and after taming the opposition, turned the game over to Leroy "Chief" Doolittle in the fourth. The "Chief" pitched steady ball for the remainder of the contest.

"Atomic Bob" Dion led the hit parade with a triple, double and single. Close behind him was Sam Lugonja who also got

three for four, besides playing flawless ball in the short patch.

A third game saw a fighting Demon ten go down 2-1 at the hands of the Redwood City Cards in Palo Alto. The Card shortstop, "Slim" Stewart, was called out of voluntary retirement from the mound to pitch and allowed only 2 hits with 11 strikeouts. Garcia also pitched tight ball for the Demons, allowing only two bingles himself.

The Cards got their 2 runs in the third when a skirmish at the plate, in which catcher Bob Smith attempted to block the runner, netted the victors their tallies. George Manning, Douglas Estate left fielder, and catcher Bob Smith, Wd 13, got the Demons' only hits.

WACs Take Top Honors As 27 Get New Ratings

Promotion reared its welcome head last week at Dibble with WACs and EM getting the nod.

For the WACs, Laura Kazmierczak—Technical Sergeant; Montana Marshall, Anna McCrary—Staff Sergeants; Elizabeth R. Miller, Roberta Hansen, Barbara Lundgren, Doris Barnes, Dorothy Fisher—Tec. 4s; Shirley Cooper, Ruth Gage, Dulon Sargent—Tec. 5s.

Thirteen men of the Enlisted Detachment were promoted to Private First Class: Caldwell, Gelling, Hodges, Malberg, Nordella, Nichols, Overman, Paiva, Stalker, Tapley, Terry, Stephenson and Wizer.



If You Plan to Winter in Japan—Wear Your Woolies

SAN FRANCISCO (ACS)—The popular notion that Japan is a land of year-round sunshine and flowers is strictly Baka. The Nipponese thermometers and barometers dropped regularly even in the days when Japan was known as the Land of the Rising Sun. And nothing has happened to improve the climate lately.

There's no typical weather but, reading from south to north, it runs like this: Okinawa, at the southern tip, has a winter that's cooler than Miami, with the temperature varying from 50 to 60 degrees during a 4-month period.

Tokyo winters are similar to those in Aachen and Bologna, with plenty of cold and dampness and generally unhealthful.

Further north, in Hokkaido, the winters resemble those in Maine—slushy and damp, with the mercury below freezing during 3 of the 5 winter months.

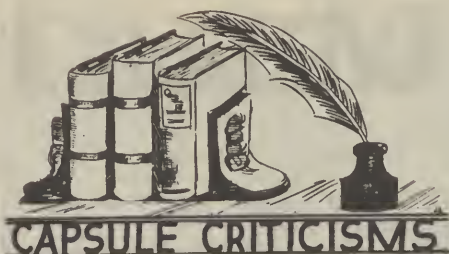
The Jap climate is generally humid or wet, with many areas featuring the kind of fogs you see in movie versions of London. In winter the wet area is concentrated along the coast of the Sea of Japan, and the precipitation is chiefly in the form of snow, with an "accumulated maximum of 16 feet, the second highest in the world."

So if you're going to Japan, don't sneer when the long-handled drawers are passed around. The Army isn't trying to fool anybody about this trip.

NCO Club Plans Dinner-Dance

With a bill of fare including an Italian spaghetti dinner, two huge cakes, and plenty of beer, members of the DGH Non-Com Club will dine and dance at the Palo Alto Elks Club on Wednesday, 26 September.

Tickets are \$1.00 per couple; the party is scheduled from 1900 to 2400, with dancing to music by a local band. Hilarious contests have been planned by the committee, which includes Sgt Pete Del Sesto, T/5 Nelson Nichols, T/4 Ted Robinson, and Sgt Mabelle Mayes of the WAC Detachment.

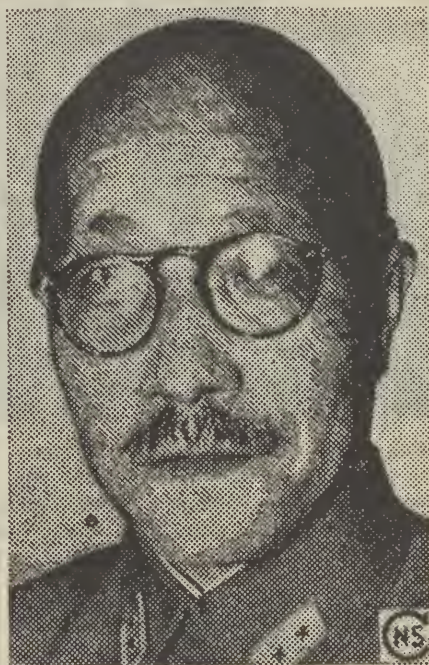


By H. H. Arnold, Librarian

In his new book, *PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY*, Ozzie St. George hangs out the *ADULTS ONLY* sign, warning us he will probably "shock hell out of sundry mothers, wives and sweethearts." Maybe we're especially shock-resistant; we found nothing more upsetting than such tidbits as: "I said goodbye to some friends I'd made (and some I hadn't)." Like his earlier book, *c/o POSTMASTER*, this has little about actual combat and is put up for home consumption. Among the funniest incidents is the party in Tville, for which the supplies (including women) were mangled by Moonlight, Connections, and Co. There's the company of Hollandia WACs, "a bunch of operators," who built a Rec Hall that didn't exist on paper.

"Pure trash," Major Diamond says of *VIRGIN WITH BUTTERFLIES*, by the theater's Tom Powers. Carefully but unconventionally brought up by her Pop back in Mattoon, Illinois, the Virgin, when we meet her, is a cigarette girl in Butch's cafe in Chicago; she's a blond as smooth as a widower's proposal, as grown-up as Hedy LaMarr, as pure as the driven snow. On the positive side, the book has an intriguing title and a fresh idea in the use of the Virgin's own idiom. On the debit side, the idea fast loses its freshness, its jargon grows tiresome and the story moves from the Improbable to the Impossible, as the Virgin vows a taxi driver, a couple of gangsters an FBI man, a Hindu prince and his family, the entire British diplomatic corps in India . . .

BANZAI!



Gen Hidecki Tojo, architect of Japan's plans for conquest, who just messed himself up trying to catch the Ancestor Express.

Employees Work 40 Hour Week

Civilian employees at Dibble now work a 40-hour week, with no overtime except in authorized emergencies.

No half days will be worked. Each department will stagger its schedule with employees working either Monday through Friday, or Tuesday through Saturday. In departments where Sunday duty is necessary, some employees will be scheduled Wednesday through Sunday.

Baby Boy Bounces at Babcock's

A seven pound baby boy arrived last Sunday night at the Lt and Mrs. Paul V. Babcock's home.



Provost Marshal Lt Lamb inspects the Dibble MP's in anticipation of the 4th anniversary of the Corps of Military Police on 26 September.



Found this hiding under our blotter—a memento of the Blind Program's journey to Hollywood's Canyon of Beauty. The explorers: S/Sgt Badden, Pfc Wunderlich, Mechavich, Cpls. Joe Goldyn, luscious June Haver, Cpl Katchen, Pfc Czupowski, J. Pare, J. Weiss, Chaplain Anderson.

FREE CLEANING FOR PATIENTS

Free dry cleaning once a week is now available to all patients. Separately processed through the Unit Supply, Detachment of Patients, the QM Laundry in San Francisco will clean and press one each of the following articles of clothing: OD blouse, trousers, shirt, cap and tie.

"Individual Services," Wd 22

The Administration Building for the "Individual Services" Section is now located on old Ward 22. They include the Separation Classification and Counseling Branch, Special Services, AGF and AAF Liaison offices, Educational Reconditioning, Information-Education, Post Newspaper, Personal Affairs, Legal Assistance and Insurance Office, Veterans' Administration Representative and United States Employment Service.

Spends Vacation Running Orthopedic Typing Class

Here is the story of a San Mateo Junior College instructor who gave eight weeks of her summer vacation to teach an unusual typing class for Dibble patients. Miss Fanny E. Baggle, chairman of typewriting at the college, was the instructor, orthopedic patients were her principal pupils and her method was devised mainly for hand injury cases.

Taking in separate groups, patients with only left hands, those with both hands but with one or more fingers missing and those with only right hands, Miss Baggle gave each student an individualized course outline to fit his own particular case. He was thus relieved from the worry of having to change and select from the most generally known typing tests.

In all cases, the kinaesthetic approach was used. The student, introduced to random stroke-control drills according to his own physical approach outline, learned the association of proper muscular controls accompanying various characters on the keyboard rather than merely trying to remember what keys were next to one another on the keyboard.

Each student was taught to cover the entire keyboard in learning touch-typing regardless of his hand disabilities.

(The eight weeks course conducted at Dibble is now continued at San Mateo Junior College which started 10 September.)

Changes in Officers' Roster

New officers arriving during September to swell the Dibble staff were: Chaplain (Lt Col) William P. O'Connor, 1st Lts William T. Berkeley, MC, James L. Bradley, MC, Boyd S. Chiles, MAC, Walter F. Shelton, MAC, 2d Lt Helen I. Lauer, WAC.

Departures were: Lt Col Chew, MC, and Chaplain Lamb who went to Bushness GH.



Words fail us, but 20th CENTURY FOX tells us that BETTY GRABLE is the pin-up of pin-ups . . . want to argue?